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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: FAREWELL CALL ON THE RHODESIANS

1. I PAID A BRIEF FAREWELL CALL ON THE RHODESIAN
DELEGATION AND SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH WITH JACK GAYLARD.
IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE CONFERENCE
AND ITS PROSPECTS, GAYLARD SAID THAT THE RHODESIANS HAD
BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NKOMO LAST NIGHT TO WARN HIM OF THE
CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUED ZAPU VIOLENCE IN THE BULAWAYO
AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO GAYLARD, RHODESIAN BALLISTICS EXPERTS
HAD DETERMINED THAT THE SAME WEAPON WHICH HAD KILLED THE

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CATHOLIC BISHOP KILLED A RHODESIAN FARMER A WEEK BEFORE.

ZAPU-INITIATED VIOLENCE IN THE BULAWAYO AREA AND IN THE AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS WAS A GROWING CAUSE OF CONCERN. THE RHODESIANS TOLD NKOMO THAT THE VIOLENCE COUPLED WITH HIS CONTINUED ALLIANCE WITH ROBERT MUGABE HAD UNDERMINED NKOMO'S REPUTATION IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. PRESSURES WERE MOUNTING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION. GAYLARD INDICATED THAT THE SECURITY FORCES ARE PRESSING FOR PERMISSION TO STRIKE AT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM - ZAPU BASES AND INFILTRATION ROUTES IN ZAMBIA AND THROUGH BOTSWANA. GAYLARD ASKED IF WE COULD USE OUR INFLUENCE WITH KHAMA AND KAUNDA, AND SUGGEST THEY MODERATE ZAPU ACTIVITIES.

3. I URGED GAYLARD TO CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE TWO MORE MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE FRONT LINE COMINATION. GAYLARD SAID HE AGREED BUT ADDED THAT THE SITUATION WAS INCREASINGLY SERIOUS. CATTO UNQEE KISSINGER

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